

concerns were raised about the commitment of the DOE to these critically important aspects of the cleanup work, Barbara elevated this as a high priority. A number of unfortunate safety mishaps had occurred, one of these involving serious exposures to a number of workers. Following these incidents, Barbara sent a lengthy and hard-hitting letter to Kaiser-Hill, the general contractor for the site, and insisted that the improvements be made in safety protocols. I understand such a letter was unprecedented at Rocky Flats. The end result of her intervention has been a measurable improvement in safety at the site.

These efforts and many others have earned her the respect and admiration of many, including the hard working employees at the site, both union and non-union—employees who put their health and safety on the line every day so that we can see the site closed in a timely manner. Her contribution to keeping work on schedule and her insistence on maintaining open channels of communication also have been appreciated by the local communities surrounding Rocky Flats.

Barbara also managed the site through two high profile milestones—designating the site as a national wildlife refuge upon cleanup and closure, and complications with the plans for shipment of surplus plutonium to DOE's Savannah River site in South Carolina. Both required long hours, extensive coordination and serious attention, and throughout both she demonstrated calm, dedicated leadership.

Her work on these issues and many others will be a standard by which to judge her successor managers. We have much more work ahead at this site, much of that involving the demolition of buildings and the extensive cleanup work that still needs to be done. I hope that we can continue the progress that has been accomplished during her tenure. I wish her well and continued success in her future endeavors and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her dedicated public service to Colorado and the nation.

TRUDY AND PAUL PEUKERT CELEBRATE 80 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 22, 2002, Mr. and Mrs. Trudy and Paul Peukert will celebrate 80 years together as man and wife.

Trudy was born July 7, 1904 and this year will celebrate her 98th birthday. Paul was born February 26, 1901 and is 101 years old. He was one of 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls, and is the only surviving member of his family. Both were born in Germany, and were married in Sandorf, Germany on July 22, 1922. Ironically, before they were married, Trudy's mother pulled her aside after assessing Paul's small stature—he had to compete with 11 other children for food and was quite skinny—and advised her not to marry him because he looked sickly and surely would leave her a young widow.

In 1923, at the relatively young age of 22, Paul left his new bride and infant daughter and immigrated to America. In 1925 he had worked and saved enough to bring Trudy and

their daughter Johanna to the U.S., and the family moved to Detroit, Michigan, where Paul worked for Chevrolet Motors for 30 years. They have been American citizens for over 65 years.

Paul and Trudy have been blessed with two daughters, four grandsons, eight great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. For the last 17 years, the Peukert's have called Greenfield, Wisconsin home. They own and live in their own home, still enjoy tending their flower gardens and attribute their longevity to good, clean living. They are also active voters.

So it is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Peukert on their longevity and unending commitment to each other. Their relationship is inspiring and stands as a testament to life-long love and enduring friendship.

COMMENDING 2002 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR AWARD WINNERS AND MS. AMANDA WATSON

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend the 2002 Golden Apple Scholar award winners from my district. The Golden Apple Scholars program is to recruit talented high school juniors who want to become teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Ms. Amanda Watson from Alton High School in Alton, Illinois. Teachers, like parents, have a unique opportunity—to touch the life of a child. I can't think of a more rewarding experience.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I was a former high school teacher. I want to wish Amanda all the same joy and success that I shared in my teaching career.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI HERBERT JAY MANDL

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rabbi Herbert Jay Mandl, who will be honored by Kehilath Israel Synagogue of Overland Park, Kansas, at a dinner on Sunday, August 25, 2002.

Rabbi Mandl, who has been Senior Rabbi at the synagogue for 25 years, is a graduate of Baltimore City College and Johns Hopkins University. He was ordained and graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in June 1969, and later received his orthodox "Smicha" ordination. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Montreal, and his Doctor of Divinity degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Rabbi Mandl serves on the Kansas City, Missouri, Board of Police Commissioners as Jewish Chaplain for the city police force. He was recently appointed the first Jewish Chaplain for the Overland Park Police Department. He has served as a commissioner of the Kansas Commission on Governmental Standards and Conduct. Since the autumn of 1989, he

has been an adjunct lecturer in Judaica at Rockhurst University. Rabbi Mandl was the first chairman of the Missouri Health Facilities Review Commission from 1990–1996.

Of his innumerable accomplishments in the Kansas City Jewish community, Rabbi Mandl is particularly proud of his efforts which brought new Kosher facilities and wider availability of Kosher foods to the Kansas City area. Rabbi Mandl brought many innovations with him to the Kehilath Israel Synagogue, especially the all-night Shavuot study program, which continues to draw adults and youth from all over the community.

He and his wife, Barbara, a teacher at Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy and the Kehilath Israel Religious School, are the parents of Aron [who is married to Chaia], an attorney in Florida; Seth, a market researcher in New York; Debbie, who has just started working on her Master's of Public Administration degree at the Columbia University Biosphere in Arizona; and Miriam, who will be a senior at the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy in the fall. They are the proud parents of Samuel and Benjamin.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor such an exceptional individual. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in commending Rabbi Herbert Jay Mandl.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on two suspension bills on July 8, 2002, as I was returning from Berlin, Germany where I participated in the annual assembly of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe as a member of the official United States delegation.

If present, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 4609, the Rathdrum Prairie Spokane Valley Aquifer Study Act, and "aye" on H.R. 2643, the Fort Clatsop National Memorial Expansion Act.

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HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House of indignities inflicted last month on several of my constituents. One young woman, Mengyang Jian, was detained, with twenty other United States citizens, at Reykjavik Airport. Other Asian-Americans, traveling with American passports, about twenty-five in all, were prevented from boarding IcelandAir flights at Logan Airport in Boston on the nights of June 11, 12, and 13. Dr. Tianlun Jian gave me a copy of a document from the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Iceland instructing the airline to refuse him passage "for security reasons." All believe that travelers with Asian surnames or Asian appearance were treated differently from other passengers.